

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services –Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri Ch.A.Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer(Retd), S. Kota Section of Vizianagaram Range – Findings of the Inquiry Officer – Received – Imposition of a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (5) years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.55,600/- from the DCRG against the retired charged Officer – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SEC-IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 98.

Dated:16-12-2014

Read the following:

1. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No.9288/2008/K1, dt.17.02.2010.
2. G.M.No.1426/For.IV/A2/2010-2, dt.3.8.2010.
3. G.M.No.1426/For.IV/A2/2010-2, dt.17.10.2013.
4. From the Prl.CCF Lr.Rc.No.9288/2008/K1, dt.20.07.2012
5. Govt.Lr.No.1426/For.IV/A2/2010-2, dt.6.12.2013.
6. From the Secretary, APPSC Lr.No.126/RT/3/2014, dt.25.1.2014.

ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad, has informed that disciplinary action was initiated and Articles of Charge were issued against Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer(Retd), S.Kota Section of Vizianagaram Range by the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide Proc.No.922/03/M8, dt.24.10.2005 on the following counts:

Article-I: "That he had while working as Deputy Range Officer, S.Kota Section, Vizianagaram Range exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and failed to obtain the hydrological and ground water clearance from the competent authorities before the commencement of the watershed works under RIDF-VIII(WCM)".

Article-II: "That he had while working as Deputy Range Officer, S.Kota Section, Vizianagaram Range exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and not followed the guidelines issued in G.O.Ms.No.13, EFS&T(For.III)Dept., dt.12.2.2002, regarding formation of user groups (VSS) opening of project accounts and selection of Secretary, Chairperson, etc. Which has been followed by executing agency".

Article-III:"That he had while working as Deputy Range Officer, S.Kota Section, Vizianagaram Range shown utter callousness in discharging his legitimate duties and failed to follow the technical specifications while carrying out RFD works in Gosthani catchment at Thatipudi Reservoir area, which were pointed out by the Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad Division, Visakhapatnam in his inspection report submitted to the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam vide Ref.No.256/02/V, dt.27.2.2003".

Article-IV:"That he had while working as Deputy Range Officer, S.Kota Section, Vizianagaram Range exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown disobedience to the instruction issued by the Divisional Forest Officer, Flying Squad Division and not produced the M.Books before the inspection party for its verification".

Article-V:"That he had while working as Deputy Range Officer, S.Kota Section, Vizianagaram Range exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty resulted excess booking of expenditure to a tune of Rs.1,21,898/- while carrying out RFD works in Nakkalavalasa which resulted in loss sustained to Government to a tune of Rs.1,21,898/- and there by contravened Rule-3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964".

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2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Article of Charge on 12.11.2005 and submitted his explanation dated nil. Not satisfied with his explanation the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam has appointed the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram as Inquiry Officer and the Sub- Divisional Forest Officer, Parvathipuram as Presenting Officer to conduct the regular inquiry. The Inquiry Officer has concluded in his findings that the Charged Officer is responsible to the deviation of Rs.55,600/-. Further, the Inquiry Report has been communicated to the Charged Officer on 15.5.2009. He has not submitted any further defense statement.

3. The Charged Officer Sri Ch. A. Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer has retired from Government service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31-12-2007. Hence the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 (2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the Enquiry Officers Report, connected case records/material made available, have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officer were held proved. Hence, it is provisionally decided to impose a penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (5) years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.55,600/- from the DCRG against the retired charged Officer, Sri Ch.A.Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer(Retd), S. Kota Section of Vizianagaram Range under Rule 9 (2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980. Accordingly a Show-Cause-Notice was issued to the retired charged Officer vide reference 2nd read above and further explanation to the Show-Cause-Notice has not been received from the retired Charged Officer. The concurrence of the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission has been obtained vide reference 6th read above.

5. Accordingly, Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (5) years besides recovery of an amount of Rs.55,600/- from the DCRG against the retired charged Officer Sri Ch.A.Bala Raju, Deputy Range Officer(Retd), S. Kota Section of Vizianagaram Range under Rule 9 (2) of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980.

6. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests is requested to take action accordingly.

7. The Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram file bearing No.4632/03/S3 containing (98) pages received through the reference 1st read above is returned herewith. The receipt of the same may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad.
The individual through the Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Accountant General(A&E), A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad(w.r.t Lr.No.126/RT/3/2014, dt.25.1.2014).
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SECTION OFFICER